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President's talk with Mikoyan.

Following ~~XXXXXX~~ is summary of November 26 conversation between the President and Mikoyan. ~~XXXXXX~~ Prior to discussion President handed Mikoyan personal message for Khrushchev in U-35 response to latter's published letter.

Mikoyan began by referring to Khrushchev's meeting with the then Senator Johnson in 1959. Mikoyan recalled press reporting at the time that in Mr. Johnson's view Khrushchev's meeting with Foreign Relations Committee had gone well and that Khrushchev was strong man well able to defend his viewpoint. Thus even then there had been some contact and a beginning of mutual understanding between President and Khrushchev.

President replied that challenge of our times was how two sides could live in peace and for benefit of the world. US was earnestly seeking friendship and cooperation with all nations. It sought no territory or domination of anyone. President Kennedy had sought daily for ways to bring about better understanding between peoples of the world. President said he fully supported this policy which would be respected and continued. US would meet anyone more than half. President ~~continued~~ that US never

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planning invade Cuba but Cuban problem was very serious one. Actions taken had gone part way to resolve problems and some lessening of tension also noted.

Mikoyan said he was happy hear these words. President's view of US and friendship with USSR and other nations fully corresponded to Soviet view.

President replied there would be no change in Kennedy policy. The biggest problem for US people stemmed from Castro-dominated Cuban regime. This inevitably strained relations. We hoped however that in future both sides would find they had made even greater gains toward peace than those made by President Kennedy and Khrushchev.

Mikoyan said he was very gratified to hear this. However, he could not understand how small nation like Cuba could subvert anyone. On contrary Cuba being subverted. USSR believes all subversion should be ended everywhere. President asked President believe that good relations with Cuba were in US interest.

As President was pressed for time in connection with next appointment, he confined himself to reiterating that he had made his statements on Cuba simply to give an evaluation of the feelings of the US people.

President then thanked Mikoyan for coming to honor and pay tribute to late President. He looked forward to further meetings of this kind and hoped they would be fruitful. Mikoyan concluded conversation by echoing hope for further meetings including meetings with Khrushchev and that these meetings would be fruitful.

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